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Military Labor Unit Near Moravska Ostrava.

1. [redacted] a military labor unit of about 600 men which was quartered in a cantonment east of Radvanice (Q 50/O 59) and consisted of Czechs and Germans who were considered politically unreliable and therefore were not issued arms. After a short military training in the fall of 1951, they worked underground in coal mines. They had no service color or insignia. the service term was originally scheduled to last 2 years.

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PTP Units in Komarno.

2. In November 1951, military labor units were activated in Komarno (P 48/Y 76) which were organized into eight companies and increased to a total strength of about 5,000 men by new arrivals prior to February 1952. The units consisted of politically unreliable persons including a very large number of doctors, engineers and merchants. Some of the enlisted personnel were again inducted into a labor unit after they had completed their two years term of regular military service. The PTP units were quartered in the old fortifications at the entrance of the Maly Dunaj River into the Danube River.<sup>2</sup>
3. After a period of training without arms of about 14 days, labor details were organized and sent to various localities including Korice (R 49/E 34), Presov (R 49/E 37), Turc. Sv. Martin (Q 50/C 69), and Levica (R 50/D 88). These transfers did not affect the strength of the companies because new men constantly arrived from other posts or because details returned.<sup>2</sup>

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4. The commanding officer of the labor units in Komarno was a major. Other officers included a deputy commanding officer, a political officer, a DOZ officer, an administration officer and a chief medical officer. [redacted] two companies of the existing eight, namely the 1st company of about 700 men and the 4th Company of more than 700 men under the command of Captain Skvarek (fnu) who wore red service color. From 1 February until 23 March 1952, details of the 4th Company were engaged in building a radar station in the area of the old fortifications near the entrance of the Dunaj River into the Danube River. Immediately afterwards, the detail [redacted] was transferred to Pardubice (O 51/M 79) where an airfield was to be built.<sup>2</sup>

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5. In March 1952, [redacted] the 1932 class, was ordered to appear for military registration in Plzen (N 50/L 04). Many members of the 1931 and 1932 classes also appeared. The registration included a physical examination, but no classification. The draftees were told that they would be later ordered to appear for a normal registration and would have to undergo a pre-military training organized by the Svaz pro spolupraci s armadou (Union for Cooperation with the Army) before beginning their military service term. [redacted]

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6. Prior to mid-June 1952, [redacted] the border zone southwest of Susice (Schuettenhofen, N 50/Q 28), [redacted] headquarters of a PS battalion was stationed in Modrava (Mader) (N 50/Q 26) while a company of this battalion was in Slate in the forest, about 5 km southwest of Modrava.<sup>4</sup>

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1. [redacted] Comment. The information confirms a construction battalion in Radvanice which, according to previous information, was subordinate to the Kamcatka headquarters in Mor Ostrava as were contonments in Nova Kamcatka, Stara Kamcatka and Pokrok in July 1951.

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2. [redacted] Comment. The information confirms a PTP battalion in the old Komarno fortress. [redacted] It is interesting that there were 5,000 men a strength which allegedly remained constant.

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3. [redacted] Comment. It is believed that the bulk of the 1931 class will be inducted in the fall of 1952. Some of the 1931 class may be inducted simultaneously.

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4. [redacted] Comment. The information confirms the 4th PS Bn in Modrava with its 19th Company in Slate. The battalion is subordinate to the 7th PS Brig in Susice.

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